

CARR- 244 Methodist Parsonage  
3403 Uniontown Road

There is a ghost at the Old Carroll County Jail in Westminster who would like to find this property. On Christmas night 1844, a vagrant prisoner with a mis-shapen head known as Big Tom committed suicide in the jail. Dr. Fletcher Zollickoffer was called in as coroner and was so fascinated by Big Tom's head that he decapitated him and took the head to his home (at this location) as a specimen for his study of phrenology. Since that time, a headless ghost has roamed the jailyard and old jail in search of its head. In 1853, the Methodist Protestant Church bought Dr. Zollickoffer's house to use as a parsonage. The Zollickoffer house was demolished in 1884 and replaced by a new parsonage which is the current structure at **3403 Uniontown Road**. The architecture of this house, while similar in plan and shape to the other mid-to-late nineteenth century houses in Uniontown, contains one feature that is unique in Uniontown but is frequently found in farmhouse design throughout this region. This feature is the gabled dormer centrally located on the roof. These dormers were a popular ornamental feature that were added to old houses during remodeling as well as used in new construction. This example has a simple round-arch window in the gable. This house also has excellent ornamentation on its three-bay, one-story front porch.



## DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

225. N. Center Street  
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## WESTMINSTER PLANNING DISTRICT

## FIELD SHEET--HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY

SURVEY NUMBER: CARR - 244

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:  
Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP: New Windsor

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:

PRESENT USE: Passage

ORIGINAL USE: Passage

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:

Excellent ( ) Good (X)

Fair ( ) Poor ( )

THEME:

STYLE: vernacular

DATE BUILT: 1884

COUNTY: CARROLL

TOWN: Umintown

LOCATION: 3403 Umintown Rd.

COMMON NAME: Methodist Passage

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Passage

OWNER: Umintown Methodist Church

ADDRESS: 3403 Umintown Rd  
Umintown Md 21157

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:

Yes ( ) No (X) Restricted ( )

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Local ( ) State ( ) National ( )

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

1. Foundation: Stone (X) Brick ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )
  2. Wall Structure
    - A. Wood: Log ( ) Post and Beam ( ) Balloon ( )
    - B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick (X) Stone ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )
    - C. Iron ( ) D. Steel ( ) E. Other
  3. Wall Covering: Weatherboard ( ) German Siding ( ) Board and Batten ( )  
Wood Shingle ( ) Shiplap ( ) Novelty ( ) Stucco ( ) Sheet Metal ( )  
Aluminum ( ) Asphalt Shingle ( ) Brick Veneer ( ) Stone Veneer ( )  
Bonding Pattern: stretcher Other:
  4. Roof Structure
    - A. Truss: Wood (X) Iron ( ) Steel ( ) Concrete ( )
    - B. Other:
  5. Roof Covering: Slate ( ) Wood Shingle ( ) Asphalt Shingle (X) Sheet Metal ( )  
Built Up ( ) Rolled ( ) Tile ( ) Other:
  6. Engineering Structure:
  7. Other:
- Appendages: Porches (X) Towers ( ) Cupolas ( ) Dormers (X) Chimneys ( ) Sheds ( )  
Ells (X) Wings ( ) Other:
- Roof Style: Gable (X) Hip ( ) Shed ( ) Flat ( ) Mansard ( ) Gambrel ( ) Jerkinhead ( )  
Saw Tooth ( ) With Monitor ( ) With Bellcast ( ) With Parapet ( )  
With False Front ( ) Other:

Number of Stories: 2

Number of Bays: 5 x 2

Approximate Dimensions:

Entrance Location: center

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:

No Threat (X) Zoning ( ) Roads ( )  
Development ( ) Deterioration ( )  
Alteration ( ) Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:

Positive (X) Negative ( )

Mixed ( ) Other:

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ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

see Uniontown Md- A Walking Tour

REFERENCES:

1862 Martenet's Map:  
1877 LG & S Atlas:

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane ( ) Woodland ( ) Scattered Buildings ( )  
Moderately Built Up ( ) Densely-Built Up ( )  
Residential ( ) Commercial ( )  
Agricultural ( ) Industrial ( )  
Roadside Strip Development ( )  
Other:

RECORDED BY:

Joe Getty

ORGANIZATION:

C. L. Dept of Planning

DATE RECORDED:

9/84



1. CARR-244 Methodist Parsonage
2. Carroll County, Maryland
3. Joe Getty
4. November, 1984
5. Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, MD
6. North & east elevations, camera facing  
southwest
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